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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please find enclosed a Request for Continued Prosecution Application under 37 CFR §1.53(d). Applicant requests the entry of the following preliminary amendment to the claims of this application prior to calculation of the filing fee.

Please cancel claims 6, 7 and 10-14 without prejudice. Please add the following claims 15-21.

15. A textile comprising:
a set of first yarns interwoven with a set of second yarns, wherein:
said first yarns comprising monofilament elastomeric UV stabilized yarn; and
said second yarns comprising textured polyester and elastomeric UV stabilized yarns.
16. The textile according to Claim 15, wherein said first yarns comprise a bicomponent, core sheath yarn, and wherein said sheath component is characterized by a melting point which is at least 30F below the melting point of the core component.